

# STALKING & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**All stalkers can be dangerous. On average, intimate partner stalkers pose the greatest threats to their victims.**

## STALKING OFFENDERS<sup>1</sup>

**40%**  
**INTIMATE PARTNERS**  
(CURRENT OR FORMER)

Acquaintances (42%)  
Strangers (19%)  
Brief Encounters (8%)  
Family (8%)  
Authority Figures (4%)

**2**  
**YEARS**

is the average duration of intimate partner stalking.<sup>2</sup>

Victims of intimate partner stalking have



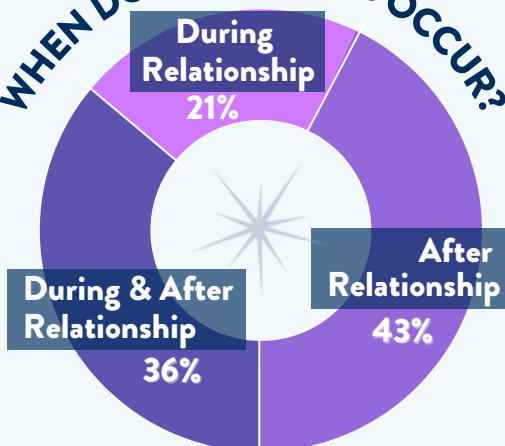
**MORE SEPARATION ATTEMPTS**

than victims of intimate partner violence alone.<sup>4</sup>

**85%** of attempted  
**76%** of completed  
**INTIMATE PARTNER FEMICIDES**

were preceded by **stalking** in the prior year

**WHEN DOES STALKING OCCUR?**



Stalking can occur before, during, and/or after a relationship.

**BOTH STALKING<sup>1</sup> & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE<sup>5</sup> ARE PREVALENT**



**1 in 3 women**



**1 in 4 women**



**1 in 6 men**



**1 in 10 men**

experience stalking in their lifetimes

are impacted by intimate partner stalking, sexual violence, and/or physical violence in their lifetimes

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